# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (Arrived at 8:19pm)

Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce Lanier, City Clerk

Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator

Derrick Brown, Fire Chief

Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector

Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney

Chris Murray, Tax Assessor

Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

Avram D. White, Esq., Deputy City Attorney Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward

Laquana Best, Planning Director Marty Mayes, Public Works Director Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced that the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger, published in the Record Transcript on July 13, 2023, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on the Council's website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no minutes to be adopted.

#### REPORTS

There were no Department Monthly Revenue Collections.

## **OPRA REPORTS**

There were no OPRA requests reported.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

## **Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello attended the 200 Club, The Valor Awards for Officers who go above and beyond the call of duty. Sergeant Kagiga and Detective Way were recipients of the Valor Award for their work apprehending a suspect that dragged the officers with a vehicle. May 2<sup>nd</sup> the task force made some arrests in car thefts. The department put in a bid and was able to obtain a World Star 7400 35 foot Command Center.

## Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated Police and Fire JPSA (Junior Public Safety Academy) applications are available until May 31, 2024 at the Fire House from Mon – Fri. 9am-4pm. The applications can also be e-mailed by request (dbrown@orangenj.gov). There will be 30 spaces on a first come first serve bases. It will be from July 8, 2024 through August 2, 2024 with no fees.

#### Tax Collector

Director Paula Ferreira reminded all the city is collecting for second quarter taxes and the last day to pay without penalty is May 10, 2024.

## Tax Assessor

Director Chris Murray stated there was nothing to report.

# **Community Service**

Director Wendy M. Sykes informed all that the Older Adults Office will conduct a Medicare Workshop on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-12pm at the Uppers Field House, 234 Lincoln Avenue. Transportation is available by calling 973-952-6118. The seniors will go to the Columbus Flea Market on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am -2pm and you must pre-register. The department is beginning the summer job program and applications are available in City Hall's Human Resources Department. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson gave information for the Championship Game being held at Orange High School on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9am - 1:30pm.

#### **Finance**

CFO Nile Clements stated there were a few items on the agenda from the Finance Department. Ordinance 14-2024 does two things: increases our Appropriation CAP and it establishes a CAP Bank.

## **County Liaison**

Reginald Bledsoe gave an update on parking issues at Monte Irvin Park. He gave dates for upcoming events: Dedication of the Sheriff Armando and Mary Fontoura Community Center in Essex County Independence Park, Friday, May 10, 2024, 12 Noon, Essex County Independence Park, Adams Street & Nichols Street, Newark; ; the late Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver Memorial Bust Dedication, Wednesday, May 15, 2024, noon, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Building; Fishing Derby in Monte Irvin Park; Paper Shredding Day, June 1, 8:30am-12noon, 99 West Branford Ave, Cedar Grove NJ; Computer and Electronics Recycle, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3pm, 99 West Branford Ave, Cedar Grove NJ

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications and Petitions.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be advised that members of the public wishing to address the Council on any subject shall be permitted to do so during this portion of the meeting by indicating a "raised hand" and activating their cameras at this time.

To allow maximum public involvement, each speaker will have <u>one</u> 5-minute period to interact with the Council, and must provide his/her name and street address prior to beginning his/her remarks. Screen-sharing or visual aids are not permitted.

Members of the public are reminded to be courteous and mindful of other individuals' rights when speaking. Each person has the right to speak on any subject and is responsible for any abuse of that right. The City bears no liability for any comments made by any member of the public, and reserves the right to remove any person engaging in obscene or disruptive conduct.

The Council will consider all comments and questions, and will respond if and when appropriate, which may or may not be during this meeting.

Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terraced expressed her concerns about street paving, illegal dumping, spotted lantern flies, summer pool schedule, swim lessons, and tax collection.

Volora Howell of 483 Mountain View Avenue expressed concerns about grants with the EPA for lead piping.

Veronica Scott of 548 Argyle Avenue gave shout accolades to Police Chief Vitiello and Captain Cummings on the Women's Empowerment event this past Saturday. She expressed her concerns with DPW about tree planting and renovations.

Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place expressed her concerns about a tree down on Conover Terrace. She inquired about procedure in regards to City Employees purchasing property from developers which has to be reported to the Business Administrator.

Richard Martha of 740 McLaughlin Place Avenue expressed concerns about the negative tenure of this election cycle and Zoning permits.

Alely St. Hilaire of 472 Alden Street expressed concerns about the Governor's Proclamation on the Mental Health Month and being informed about it. She also want a response about parking on Alden Street.

Kweli Campbell of 55 Randolph Place stated there was improvements in regards to cars in the park. She want to have black tint removed from police cars. She inquired about the zoom bombing, the Budget process and Committee | Board openings.

Leonor Young of 678 Hauxton Avenue expressed concerns about the raising of the CAP.

Sherene Williamson of 447 Alden Street expressed concerns about the city addressing Mental Health.

A Manuel Ortega Poir -152 Heywood Avenue of expressed concerns about Autism, noise levels.

Zonasha Ward of 743 Hauxton Avenue stated the Police Department should be commended on their interaction with residents. She expressed concerns about tree planting, paving, and summer swimming schedule.

Carmen Engle of 174 Hewywood Avenue expressed concerns about decibel readers, noise control officers,

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Both motions were rescinded as another hand was raised.

Russella Holloway of 76 in West Orange expressed concerns as she is the Care taker for her sister lives in Orange

# There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

**Motion Adopted** 

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross thanked DPW for paving South Essex and the work being done in Ropes and Colgate Parks. He was pleased to see the flag football for girls. He emphasized the Fishing Derby that was announced by the County Liaison and the upcoming Food Drive for Veterans.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III thanked all who sent well wishes and prayers for him, his family and his father during his father's illness. He attended a Mother's Day Banquet at Bella Italia. He wished mother's Happy Mother's Day

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert thanked the Friends of Metcalf and those who volunteered for Earth Day. She attended the funeral service for Congressman Payne. Jr and sending prayers to the family. She reminded everyone she is looking to bring more resources into the community.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson expressed her condolences to the families of Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. and the Honorable Harold Fullilove, Sr. She asked all to remember Teachers during Teachers Appreciation Week, Nurses for National Nurse's Week, Asian American and Pacific Islanders all being celebrated in May. She supports the aquatics department and wants to make sure there are lessons for the youth in the community. She shared concerns of the residents in regards to elderly safety, mental health, and the budget process. She wished her mother and son Happy Birthday on Sunday and Happy Mother's Day to the mothers.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten wished the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. She thanked the Board of Education and Administration for the events that were held this week.

Council President Tency A. Eason wished the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. She attended the Orange Education Foundation Event and she would like to see more collaborations so there are not too many overlaps in events. She called for all to support the Stem School as there are three students graduating with an Associate's degree this year. She also attended the funeral for Congressman Donald Payne, Jr.

Essex County Liaison Reginald Bledsoe has been taking copious notes on concerns.

# ORDINANCES - SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of the Orange Township Chapter 4 entitled "Administration of Government", Article II entitled "City Council"; Section 15 entitled "City Clerk". (Postponed since the June 1, 2021 Council Meeting)

A motion to postpone Ordinance 24-2021 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley Motion Adopted: Postponed

An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 210 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code, entitled "Development Regulations" to revise the definition of 'Retail Sales" to include "Personal Service Establishments".

A motion to table Ordinance 13-2024 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

**Absent:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley **Motion Adopted: Tabled** 

An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for the Calendar Year 2024 Budget.

A motion to Close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

A motion to adopt Resolution 14-2024 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Motion Adopted** 

A capital ordinance amending Capital Ordinance Number 58-2023 finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on October 3, 2023 to amend the title of the Capital Ordinance and Sections 1 and 3 therein.

A motion to Close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-2024 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Motion Adopted** 

# ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

# 21-2024 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City Of Orange Township Code(Frankford Street)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 21-2024 on First Reading was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

## Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Motion Adopted: Final Reading on June 5, 2024

# 22-2024 An ordinance to amend Chapter 200-33 of the City of Orange Township Code.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 22-2024 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

#### Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Motion Adopted** 

## CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (\*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

## RESOLUTIONS NO \*247-2024 THROUGH \*276-2024

- \*247-2024 A resolution reappointing Carl Fields, Jr., a resident of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as First Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*248-2024 A resolution celebrating Haitian Flag Day in the City of Orange Township on May 18, 2024 (Sponsored by Councilmembers- Adrienne Wooten & Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- \*249-2024 A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
- \*250-2024 A resolution recognizing the third Friday in May 2024 as National Malcolm X Day in the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Councilmember- Adrienne Wooten)
- \*251-2024 A resolution A resolution celebrating and honoring the life of Orange Resident Mrs. Demetria Grice-Doobay (Sponsored by Councilmembers Jamie Summers-Johnson & Adrienne Wooten)
- \*252-2024 A resolution recognizing the third week of May 2024 as National Public Works Week in the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten)
- \*254-2024 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing city officials to undertake certain actions in connection with the issuance and sale of \$12,114,876 General Obligation Notes, Series 2024 consisting of \$6,926,580 Redevelopment Area Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2024 and \$5,188,396 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2024.

- \*255-2024 A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund FIG 20, LLC for water/sewer subsequent payment made on Certificate No. 22-00571 for Block 6501, Lot 39 also known as 329 Heywood Ave. in the total amount of \$232.54.
- \*256-2024 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #22-00184 on Block 4901, Lot 22 also known as 479 Highland Avenue in addition to issuing a refund for the Certificate amount of \$8,292.99 and premium amount of \$22,800.00 to Lillian Zhang for a total amount of \$31,092.99.
- \*257-2024 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00317 on Block 4703,Lot 12 also known as 313 Ogden Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, premium and penalties to Pro Cap 8 FBO First Trust Bank in the amount of \$424.23.
- \*258-2024 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to accept grant funds from the US Federal Government, Department of Justice in Washington D.C. for bullet proof vests in an amount totaling \$49,424.48.
- \*259-2024 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry Program.
- \*260-2024 A resolution to accept grant award from the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be disbursed between the years of 2024 through 2026 treatment seasons.
- \*261-2024 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a renewal voluntary cooperative pricing system with Omnia Partners for the purchase of goods and services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
- \*263-2024 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a renewal voluntary cooperative pricing system with National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) for the purchase of goods and services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
- \*264-2024 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a renewal voluntary cooperative pricing system with Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) for the purchase of goods and services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
- \*265-2024 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a renewal voluntary cooperative pricing system with Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System #2-SOCCP for the purchase of goods and services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
- \*266-2024 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Tree King, Inc., 12 Lenel Road,
  Landing, New jersey 07850 through the Morris County Co-Operative Pricing Council Contract
  #18 to provide tree removal, trimming and stump grinding services commencing May 1, 2024
  through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- \*267-2024 A resolution authorizing Changer Order No. 1 to modify the contract for the project known as the NJDOT 2020 Roadway Improvements with Cifelli & son General Construction, Inc., 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 for additional concrete sidewalk construction, milling, paving and striping for an additional \$43,772.50 making the new amount not to exceed \$563,654.89.
- \*268-2024 A resolution authorizing Changer Order No. 2 to modify the contract for the project known as the NJDOT 2019 Roadway Improvements for additional concrete sidewalk construction, milling, paving and striping for an additional \$46,630.55 making the new amount not to exceed \$679,700.70.
- \*269-2024 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Pugliese Pool Service, Inc., 15 Standish Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for the maintenance of pools and spray park commencing May 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$73,164.00 per year.
- \*270-2024 A resolution rescinding Resolution #182-2021 adopted March 6, 2021 authorizing the awarding of a contract for the DPW yard facility and site improvements to MBT Contracting, LLC, 63 Beaver Brook Road, Suite 104C, Lincoln Park, New Jersey 07035 in an amount not to exceed \$1,540,305.00.
- \*272-2024 A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #7 to the Calendar Year 2024 Budget.
- \*273-2024 A resolution recognizing May 2024 as Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*274-2024 A resolution recognizing May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*275-2024 A resolution recognizing May 2024 as Women's Health Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

\*276-2024 A resolution honoring the life and service of long time City of Orange Township resident Emily Jukes (submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson)

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Motion Adopted** 

# ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

A resolution honoring the life and service of Orange resident Honorable Harold Fullilove, Sr. (Sponsored by the City of Orange Township Councilmembers)

Amended to have this resolution to be sponsored by the entire Council body.

A motion to adopt Resolution 253-2024 as amended was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Motion Adopted** 

A resolution authorizing a contract to purchase bullet proof vests with Atlantic Uniform Co., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey 07109 under New Jersey state contract 17-FLEET-00772, in an amount not to exceed \$83,149.82.

A motion to adopt Resolution 262-2024 as amended was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Motion Adopted** 

A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 7, 2024 dated May 1, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$14,575,985.57).

A motion to adopt Resolution 271-2024 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

## Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Motion Adopted

## POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

# NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There was no New Business, Walk-On Ordinances or Walk-On Resolutions.

## OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no Pending Business.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: May 21, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier

City Clerk \

Tency A. Eason Council President